



**Prevention Committee Meeting
Miami-Dade County Main Library
101 West Flagler Street, Auditorium, Miami, FL 33130
November 30, 2023 Minutes**

Approved March 28, 2024

#	Members	Present	Absent	Guests	
1	Buch, Juan	x		Fan Fan, Jackisha	
2	Darlington, Tajma		x	Ferrer, Luigi	
3	Duberli, Francesco		x	Larios, Alexander	
4	Fernandez, Chad	x		Núñez, Alejandro	
5	Forrest, David		x	Pache, Rosa	
6	Ichite, Amanda	x		Pierre, Ross	
7	Johnston, Jeremy	x			
8	Ledain, Ron		x		
9	Lopez, Crystal		x		
10	Marqués, Jamie		x		
11	Mooss, Angela	x			
12	Orozco, Eddie		x		
13	Pereira, Daniel	x			
14	Richardson, Ashley		x		
15	Santiago, Grechen		x		
16	Sarmiento, Abril	x			
17	Shmuels, Diego	x			
Quorum = 7				Staff	
				Ladner, Robert	

All documents referenced in these minutes were accessible to members and the public prior to and during the meeting at www.aidsnet.org/meeting-documents.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Abril Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

II. Introductions

Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

III. Housekeeping

Ms. Sarmiento presented the Housekeeping PowerPoint which includes general reminders, code of conduct, people first language, and meeting participation best practices.

IV. Floor Open to the Public

Committee Vice Chair, Dr. Angela Mooss, opened the floor to the public with the following statement:

Pursuant to Florida Sunshine Law, I want to provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any item on our agenda today. If there is anyone who wishes to be heard, I invite you to speak now. Each person will be given three minutes to speak. Please begin by stating your name and address for the record before you talk about your concerns. BSR has a dedicated telephone line as well as a general email address for statements to be read into the record. No statements were received via the telephone line or email.

There were no comments, so Dr. Mooss closed the floor for public comment.

V. Review/Approve Agenda

Ms. Sarmiento asked members to review the agenda; there were no changes, so the Committee adopted them as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Eddie Orozco

Seconded: Juan Buch

Motion: Passed

VI. Review and Approve Minutes of September 28, 2023

Members reviewed the minutes of September 28, 2023. There were no changes to the minutes, so the Committee adopted them as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2023 as presented.

Moved: Chad Fernandez

Seconded: Juan Buch

Motion: Passed

VII. Reports

- **Membership**

Staff advised there are still significant vacancies on committees and the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership (Partnership) including vacancies specifically for representatives of the affected community.

- **Partnership Report to Committees**

The Partnership Report was posted online for review.

VIII. Standing Business

There was no new business.

IX. New Business

- **2024 Prevention Committee Activities**

Members completed a survey to determine 2024 meeting times and locations. Results were:

Meeting Times

- **8 votes: 10 AM – 12 PM**
- 1 vote: 12 PM – 2 PM

Meeting Locations

- **5 votes: Miami-Dade County Main Library**
- 2 votes: Latinos Salud
- 1 vote: North Shore Library
- 1 vote: Rotating Schedule

Administrative Note: The existing time of 10 AM – 12 PM and location at the MDC Main Library will remain unless the Committee requests a change of venue.

- **Officer Nominations for Calendar Year 2024**

The Chair of the Prevention Committee is assigned by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. Abril Sarmiento will remain the Chair.

Nominations for Vice Chair were called for from the floor. Eddie Orozco volunteered to serve as Vice Chair. Elections will take place at the next scheduled meeting.

- **Florida Comprehensive Planning Network (FCPN) Activities**

The FCPN presenter was not available therefore the update was postponed to a future meeting.

- **Miami-Dade County HIV Prevention Milestones and Success Stories**

- Hispanic Initiative (Iniciativa Hispana)**

Members have been meeting in person with online check-ins. They participated in and attended several recent HIV/AIDS Awareness Day events for National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) and National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Members discussed strategies for having greater participation in next year's NLAAD events. Members are working with NMAC to bring the ESCALATE – Ending Stigma Through Collaboration and Lifting All to Empowerment – training program to Miami.

- The Miami Collaborative MSM Workgroup and Transgender Tenacity Power**

The groups are meeting together. In October, members heard presentations on *Conexiones*, a new National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) MSM Chemsex Study, by Dr. Gladys Ibañez from FIU; and DoxyPEP, by Kamelah Jones from FDOH. Members discussed the Miami-Dade Schools SAFE Network and both current and ongoing legislation.

- Youth Health Workgroup**

Discussions continue about how to provide HIV testing at schools in Miami-Dade County. Additional reporting will be available at the next meeting.

- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Workgroup**

The group met in November and had good attendance from 11 different agencies. Members discussed World AIDS Day planning and heard a presentation from Carolina Alcalá from Gilead on Descovy and PrEP usage in the USA. The group is also focusing on other topics, including PrEP research and PrEP on demand research, e-tracking PrEP usage in Miami-Dade County, PrEP as part of primary care, and overcoming insurance barriers.

X. Announcements and Open Discussion

World AIDS Day events were announced at Pridelines; Project Access Foundation; and by FDOH in collaboration with their Ending the HIV Epidemic Health Fair.

XI. Next Meeting

Dr. Mooss announced the December 2023 meeting is cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024, at the Miami-Dade County Main Library.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Sarmiento thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.